

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ashford, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3626	
)	Examiner:	Natalie A. Pass
Applic	cation No.:	09/648,582)	AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO	
Filing Date:		August 25, 2000)	OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 3, 2006	
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PHYSICIANS		R)))	Ů	,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be made part of the official record in the above referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.